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Come to Bessemer City, North Carolina

A Wide-Awake and "Live-Wire" Community that is Rapidly Making a Name for Itself Through-

out the State---Splendid Factory Sites---Ideal Homes---A Land of Opportunity.

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the South, and strongly appeals to the home-maker as well as the seeker measurable possibilities with magnifi-

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Bessemer City is delightfully located home building lots, and the most fertin one of the most charming spots of ile farming lands. It is a most progressive place, and one that promises to soon become much better known after business opportunity. It has im- throughout the country and foremost in the Piedmont section. It is full of cent manufacturing sites, beautiful energy as is shown by its excellent

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Rollins, reco attorney; I. The Union has a larg J. K. Collins, Woodle, H. D. Tree, A. M. Lindsay, Commissioners; J. W. M. Jenkins, Clerk to the Board; C. W. Fuller, chief of police. They are a wide-awake and energetic lot of men, full of true public spirit who are ever ready and willing to give both their time and money to any cause that will advance the inter-ests of the community. At the present time the ever live city council is seriously considering the erection of a magnificent and up-to-date municipal hall, one that will be a credit to the growing town. In the way of the water supply, the city is furnished with the purest from various crystal mountain streams, and it is expected by next October, if all goes well, that the water system here will be perfect in every respect. In the matter of schools Bessemer City stands well in the front rank for a town of its size. The graded school employs 11 teachers, all of whom are of the highest class in the way of refinement and education. There is also a good school for colored children. As for churches, the Methodists have two edifices, while the Presbyterian, Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Protestant-icpiscopal and Lutheran, have on

business estai g to the farmer the onoring own has also an excellent bank, visitors who can see and appreciate and churchest burdensome commissions has uilding and loan association, emer are: R years been paying to which are doing an extensive Rollins, reco large manufacturing industries among .eberger, W. them being the Altas Manufacturing Company, the Osage Cotton Mills, Huss Manufacturing Company, Harborough Cotton Mills, and the Saunders Spinning Company, all of them run-ning on full time, and employing a large force of the best skilled labor. Then there are wood working shops and planing mills, grist mill, three livery and feed stables and a score of excelent shops. Under way is a fine new hotel that will contain every modern comfort and convenience, and will be second to none in this part of the old North State. Bessemer City is located on the Southern Railway and has the distinction of being one of the most beautiful towns of Gaston county, and the natural attractiveness of the site is attributed to the wise judgment of the men who first settled the locality. Bessemer has a population of 3,200 good, sturdy people, and few places can boast of a more honest and industrious set of American men and women. Constant improvement is going on in Bessemer City, and the transformation along this line, during the past few years, has been nothing she ederful, but so graduate it. It is thereciated by the numerous

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the improvements between one visit and another. Bessemer's civic improvements due to the wise and progressive City Fathers, who have always been possessed with plenty of push, and the right kind of energy that transforms villages into big and prosperous cities. Bessemer, among its score of other good things, has an excellent drainage system, and one that would be hard to beat anywhere, but still further improvements are com templated. The mayor of the city is the Hon. R. F. Coble, who is the right man in the right place, and one who is always to be found fighting in the ranks of the progressives for the city's advancement in any, and all direction He is a native of Chatham county, N C., where he was born in 1871. He received the major part of his education at the Concord High School, and while a resident there served as an Alderman with credit and distinction for 12 years. In 1906 he decided to come to Bessemer City to cast his fortunes, a move that he never has had reason to regret. He is now serving his first term as mayor. Among other things Mayor Coble is superin tendent of the Atlas Mills, one of the most prosperous here. In fraternal circles he is a popular and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias. Mayor Coble

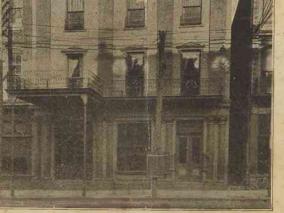


C. W. FULLER, Chief of Police

is ably assistant in the management of the city by the worthy commission ers whose names are given above, by Recorder Rollins and City Attorney Whitney. Bessemer is making gi-gantic strides, and will some day be one of the big cities of the South. Its industries are growing fast, and its pcople are all mighty active. Bessemer is a little Paradise. Better come at once and settle here-its God's country. :menter.

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